

APPARATUS AND METHODS FOR STENCILING AN IMAGE

Abstract

The invention provides methods of protecting selected regions of an image from
5 subsequent modification during the operation of a graphics application. The methods
allow a user to select a region of an image to protect, and to assign a level of protection to
the selected region. Subsequent brush strokes in the region are then attenuated according
to the assigned level of protection and blended into the image without artifacts caused by
overlapping strokes. The invention also provides a method of blending individual strokes
10 into a texture without segmentation artifacts.

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